

**The following is a mark-up version of
the Amended Claim 1 of PCT/03/07388
For entering US National Phase**

What is claimed is:

1. A pharmaceutical composition comprising[, as active agent] a combination of active agents and one or more pharmaceutically acceptable excipients, wherein the said combination of active agents consists of: (1) a glucose-lowering agent metformin in one of its pharmaceutically acceptable forms, and (2) a lipid-improving agent selected from non-glucose-lowering fibrates, [in combination with one or more pharmaceutically acceptable ingredients.]

2. Corresponding Corrections to the Descriptions

Date of Correction: September 5, 2004

Reasons to the correction:

To be consistent with the amended Claim 1.

Corrections:

The 3rd paragraph of Detailed Description of the Invention, first line, "comprising, as" changed to "consisting of two".

The same paragraph, line 5, "excipients." Changed to "excipients, such as fillers, binders, dyes, flavour enhancers and the like as described in WO99/40904".

A Cleaned-up version of the 3rd paragraph of Detailed Description of the Invention:

Thus, the invention involves a pharmaceutical composition consisting of two active agents, (1) metformin in one of its pharmaceutically acceptable form, and (2) a lipid-improving agent selected from gemfibrozil and ciprofibrate in one of their pharmaceutically acceptable form, in combination with one or more pharmaceutically acceptable excipients, such as fillers, binders, dyes, flavour enhancers and the like as described in WO99/40904. Pharmaceutically acceptable form includes but not limited to all pharmaceutically acceptable salts. The composition contains a weight ratio of metformin or of its pharmaceutically acceptable form to gemfibrozil or of its pharmaceutically acceptable form ranges from 1:0.1 to 1:10. The weight ratio of metformin or of its pharmaceutically

acceptable form to ciprofibrate or of its pharmaceutically acceptable form ranges from 1:0.01 to 1:10.

A Mark-up version of the corrections:

(The 3rd paragraph of Detailed Description of the Invention)

Thus, the invention involves a pharmaceutical composition [comprising, as]
consisting of two active agents, (1) metformin in one of its pharmaceutically acceptable form, and (2) a lipid-improving agent selected from gemfibrozil and ciprofibrate in one of their pharmaceutically acceptable form, in combination with one or more pharmaceutically acceptable excipients, such as fillers, binders, dyes, flavour enhancers and the like as described in WO99/40904.